



Attachment A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

Applicant : Tomlinson G. Rauscher

Docket No. : DIGI9

Serial No. : 09/903,835

Examiner : Lohn, Joshua A

Filed : 07/12/2001

Group Art Unit : 2114

For : RAID SYSTEM WITH MULTIPLE CONTROLLERS AND PROOF
AGAINST ANY SINGLE POINT OF FAILURE

**Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and MPEP § 715.01(c)(I) To Overcome
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).**

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents

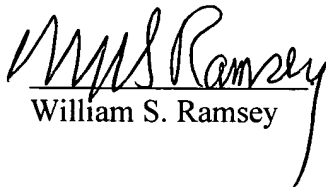
Sir:

The inventor of the present application, Tomlinson G. Rauscher, is a co-author of the cited publication U.S. Pat. No. 6,401,170. Tomlinson G. Rauscher is the sole inventor of the invention claimed in the application and disclosed commonly in the application and publication. The co-inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the publication, Geoffrey J. Griffith, was merely working under Tomlinson G. Rauscher's direction with respect to the invention claimed in the application.

The undersigned is the attorney of record for application Ser. No. 09/903,835 and for U.S. Pat. No. 6,401,170 which was issued on application Ser. No. 09/376,324.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon; Further declarant saith not.

Executed this 11 day of Nov, 2004 at Columbia, MD

 Seal.
William S. Ramsey